GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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DEATH OF TOBACCO FARMERS IN AP
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government of India that there has been deaths of tobacco farmers in Andhra Pradesh due to failure of paying the debts borrowed by them in view of failures of monsoons constantly for the last 3 years and also due to failure of getting the remunerative price; and

(b) if so, indicate the steps taken by the Government to stop the deaths of tobacco farmers in A.P.?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b): Two tobacco growers committed suicide. Available information suggests that the growers did not incur losses on tobacco cultivation. Reportedly, the growers cultivated other crops and might have sustained losses in these crops and were unable to clear the debts. Financial assistance is being arranged for the families of the deceased growers through contribution from other growers.